

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY EVENING DEC. 10, 1891.

sun rises to-morrow at 7:23; and sets at 4:57. High water 6:08 a. m. and 6:40 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this week increasing cloudiness with rain to-day and to-morrow; fair Tuesday; warmer to-day and to-morrow; becoming southeasterly.

PERSONAL.—Mr. John A. Dixon, who has been quite sick for some time past, is improving and is able to walk about his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson have returned from Fauquier and will spend the winter in this city.

Mr. Robert Andrews, of Staunton, is quite sick at his home in that city. Mr. Andrews was deputy collector of internal revenue.

During Capt. Sheppard's first term and has many friends in this city. He is a brother of Mrs. Wm. Fleming. General and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee are in Richmond the guests of Mr. Charles T. Williams. They will leave Tuesday for Stafford county, to visit General Lee's mother and brother.

Mr. James A. Watkins and daughter, Miss Nannie, of Old Point, are the guests of Judge and Mrs. Critcher.

Miss Julia Houck is the guest of Miss Alice Schopf, at Hyattsville.

Mr. William B. Smoot is visiting her father, Mr. Robinson Cator, of Baltimore.

Rev. J. Green Shackelford, formerly of Charlottesville, but who has been in Ohio for several years, passed through the city on his way to Houston, Texas, on Saturday, where he will be the guest of the Episcopal church there.

Mr. Shackelford accompanied him to Halifax.

Miss Minnigerode will leave for New York on the 15th, and will remain there for six or eight weeks studying water-color painting under Rhoda Holmes Nichol.

The water-color class in the Cornum Art School has, under the supervision of Miss Minnigerode, increased so rapidly in size, and made such great progress, that the young teacher informs her friends she "will have to get some new ideas herself in order to keep ahead of her pupils." The class numbers forty-eight earnest students.

Mr. Donald McLean has resigned as storekeeper at the Mahoneyville distillery, near this city, and has been appointed storekeeper and gauger at that distillery.

Mr. K. Kemper, who has been confined to his home for the past week by sickness, is able to be out again.

Hubert, the youngest son of Mr. John Donnelly is seriously ill.

Miss Stuart Mosby, the accomplished daughter of Col. John Singleton Mosby, will be married at Fairfax C. H. to-morrow evening at 3 o'clock to Mr. Watson Coleman, private secretary of Hon. Lake Pence. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Father Tierney, of Falls Church. Miss Mosby has been a resident of this city for several years and is highly esteemed here, and has been for some time the correspondent of several prominent journals.

Among the "personals" in the Washington papers of recent date are the following:

A strikingly handsome young man, about six feet five inches in height, and weighing quite 200 pounds, inscribed the name "Robert E. Lee" on the register of the Ebbitt Saturday evening.

The grandson of the illustrious southern chieftain, and son of the late Congressman W. H. F. Lee, has a face and figure that would attract attention in any assembly.

He is under thirty and has genial ways and plenty of good humor.

Mr. Lee lives on his father's estate in Fairfax county, Va., but comes to Washington every day to practice law.

After six months' absence Mr. R. E. Lee Grand Johnston returned to the city a few days ago. Nearly all of that time was spent within a short distance of Alexandria, where the abundance and variety of paintable material has enabled the artist to depict himself with a large number of delightful canvases, which will be included in the exhibition he expects to hold in February.

It is probable that Miss Mildred Lee, the daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, will spend part of the winter in Washington. She is just now at her home in Lexington, Va., where she presides over the establishment of her brother, General Custis Lee, president of the Washington and Lee University. She has a great many friends here and is fond of the life of the capital. One of her favorite resorts, however, is New Orleans, where she is overwhelmed with attention. As she grows older, her resemblance to her distinguished father is more marked. She has the general's keen sense of humor and distinction of appearance and is a clever and natural conversationalist. She receives marked attention when she travels in the south, only equaled by that shown Miss Winnie Davis, but her head is never turned by it. She rarely forgets a name or face and has remarkable social tact and amenity.

WHAT IS THIS?—A letter from Washington says:

"Washington society has been in the throes of a genuine sensation lately on account of the conduct of certain very prominent women in the most exclusively fashionable circle, who have been winning for themselves no end of private notoriety from their card playing proclivities. Some of their escapades in this line within the past year would certainly have done credit to the habits of any of the fashionable gamblers who sort in Europe. For a long time it has been known that a certain clique of women, a number of whom, by the way, have so far been considered beyond the breath of suspicion in this or any other matter calculated to set the gossips talking with any real material on which to weave their fabrics of discourse, have made a practice of having quiet little card parties meet on certain evenings at their houses. Now it transpires that the quiet little card parties have afforded opportunity for large sums of money changing hands in the most undesirable manner, so far as the original owners of the same are concerned. The latest development, however, which is decidedly in the nature of the sensational, is that, no longer content with confining the scene of their card playing prowess within the district limits, parties have been made up for Alexandria, where the games of chance have been carried on. As this fashion of moving the scene of operation to Alexandria has been for years past the habit of the professional gamblers in the male line the action of the fashionable women in following suit has naturally given rise to more than an ordinary amount of talk on the subject. So far, fortunately, this talk has been kept within the immediate circle of the intimate friends of the women concerned, but as there is no band of secrecy

in the matter, it is likely to become more generally known, and the names of those who took part in the Alexandria card parties are likely to be long to be openly spoken of in society at large. There are two houses in the most fashionable sections of the city at which the card parties referred to meet regularly, and it is broadly asserted that in each place the amounts of money lost and won each night is far from inconsiderable."

POLICE COURT.—Mayor Strauss presiding.—The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Ira D. Harsdly, arrested by Officer Arrington for drunken and disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50.

Henry Daniel, arrested by Officer Smith for drunken and disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50.

Dennis Dudley, colored, arrested by Officers Tiger and Bettis, for assaulting Barney Lomax, colored, was fined \$5.

Thomas Burley, arrested by Officer Griffin for being drunk and carrying a dangerous weapon, was fined \$10.

Wm. Level, Jos. Thomas and Lee Level, arrested by Officers Tiger and Arrington, charged with disorderly conduct, were fined \$5 each.

Four small boys, arrested by Officers Davis and Sherwood, charged with disorderly conduct, were dismissed with a reprimand.

Two men, arrested by Officer Tiger for fighting, were fined \$3 each.

A young man, arrested by Officer Tiger for striking a man with a stone, was fined \$2.50.

Martha Stokes, charged with escaping from the work, was returned to that institution with 20 days added to her sentence.

NIGHT REPORT.—Last night was clear and cool until about 2 o'clock, when it became cloudy. Four prisoners and seventeen lodgers were at the station house.

WENT FOR WOOL AND GOT SHORN.—A colored woman named Martha Stokes, who keeps the police busy, was sent to the workhouse recently for the non-payment of a fine, but she had been there but a few days when she took French leave. She crept into the city yesterday and took refuge in the house of a male friend. Last night Wm. Level, who for several years has had trouble with the woman, learned of her whereabouts, and, boiling over with jealousy, proceeded with two companions to the house in which the woman was sheltered for the purpose of cleaning up things generally. The trio found two men and as many women in the house, and Level and his friends were roughly handled and driven off. During the row a razor and a pistol were flourished. Level, finding himself worsted, proceeded to the station house and swore out a warrant against the male occupants of the house (Sam Johnson and Roy Webb), charging them with assault. Mayor Strauss this morning, upon hearing the case, dismissed the accused and fined Level and his two companions (Lee Level and Jos. Thomas) \$5 each. The woman was sent back to the workhouse with 20 days added to her sentence.

TESTING THE AEROPLANE.—Prof. Langley, of the Smithsonian Institute, experimented with his aeroplane, or air ship, on Saturday in Occoquan bay. The machine was shipped from Washington via the Washington Southern Railway and placed on a scow. The secretary and Dr. Barross, his collaborator adjusted the mechanism to its supporting frame. The propeller having a businesslike whir, and the tension having reached the proper degree the machine was released. Like a monstrous swan it jumped into the air in the face of a perceptible breeze, and, after sailing gracefully for some distance, alighted upon the surface of the water. It is made to float. The material in it is aluminum, and the shape like that of a porpoise. The wings inclined upward at a slight angle, the machine being sustained much as a kite is held in mid-air. In place of string and wind are two swiftly revolving screws. In the rear extends a vertical tail or rudder. The device is about ten feet long. Before a long flight is attempted, its ultimate possibility being only a question of time, the problem of steering, must be more satisfactorily solved.

TEMPERANCE ADDRESS.—The Good Templars and their friends gathered in great force last evening in Trinity M. E. Church to listen to a lecture by Dr. Mann, the Supreme Templar of the International Supreme Lodge of the world. Rev. Mr. McAllister presided and after some excellent music by the choir, Dr. Mann began an address replete with instruction and sparkling with brilliancy. With great descriptive power he told the mythological story of the swift-footed Atalanta—who required every suitor who wanted to win her in marriage to contend with her in a foot race; how Milanion conquered by providing himself with three golden apples which he threw one after the other at sharp angles, far away from the race course, luring Atalanta to go gather them, thus enabling Milanion to gain the goal and marry his fleet competitor, and cleverly applied it to the race of life. Mr. Birrell followed Dr. Mann in a brief address and the meeting closed, having furnished a vast inspiration to Good Templar work in this city.

UNION STREET.—Mr. J. H. Armbricht, contractor for the Southern Railway Company, to-day commenced repaving Union street along the track of that company. Work was commenced between Duke and Prince streets and six squares northward will be paved with rubble stones. Quite a large force of men and teams has been employed, but the rain of to-day interposed with the work. As the paving is being done it is proposed to reset the curb along that street. The railroad company has offered to reset the curb if the city will have the stone dressed. The matter will come before Council to-morrow night.

HEAVY FOGS.—A heavy fog settled over the river and river front early Saturday and obscured everything. The Norfolk steamer, which usually leaves here about eight o'clock, was compelled to morning and the north bound boat, due here about six o'clock, did not arrive until in the afternoon. The Baltimore steamer Potomac, which usually reaches this city Saturday night, did not arrive until halfpast one o'clock yesterday evening. Another dense fog prevailed on the river last night, and the last trips of the ferry boats were made with much difficulty.

DOCKSTADER'S MINSTRELS.—There is probably no comedian whose annual visit causes more hearty laughter than Lew Dockstader, whose troupe of minstrels will appear at the Opera House to-night. Dockstader has sur-

HOLIDAY GOODS.

CHRISTMAS GOODS NOW READY.

Large Supply of Raisins, Currants,

Citron,

Figs, Seedless Raisins & Lemon Peel.

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MAKE YOUR FRUIT CAKE NOW.

2 lbs. Best Citron, 25c.

3 lbs. Valencia Raisins, 20c.

2 lbs. Layer Raisins, 25c.

Seedless Raisins, 11c.

3 lbs. Cleaned Currants, 20c.

3 lbs. Prunes, 25c.

2 lbs. Fine Figs, 25c.

Lemon Peel, 18c.

2 lbs. Evaporated Peaches, 25c.

2 lbs. Evaporated Apricots, 25c.

2 lbs. Evaporated Nectarines, 25c.

Dried Apples, 8c.

3 lbs. Mince Meat, 25c.

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CHRISTMAS NUTS.

Soft Shelled Almonds.

Pecans, and Filberts.

English Walnuts.

Brazil Nuts.

Shelled Almonds.

—O—

Oranges, Lemon, and Malaga

Grapes.

Sweet Cider, 25c. a gallon.

Very Best Granulated Sugar, 4½c

And Everything to make you A

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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ROBERTSON & BRO.

S. W. Cor. King and Washington

Streets.

HELLO 75-B.

rounded himself with the brightest members of the minstrel profession and the consequence is an entertainment without a flaw, a performance without a blemish. New sets of songs are introduced and the comedians are bubbling over with merriment. It is the grandest show Dockstader has ever offered the American public.

YESTERDAY.—The weather yesterday morning was again cloudy and threatening, but in the evening the sky cleared and the night was bright. The congregations at the various churches were not large and but few strangers were in the city. The day was altogether a very quiet one.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

An adjourned term of the U. S. Court will be held to-morrow.

No business of importance was transacted in the Corporation Court to-day.

The Virginia State Grange will meet on the 8th of January next in this city.

The son of James Taylor, colored, the sexton of the Baptist Church, died last night.

As the Sunday School Christmas trees loom up the attendance at the Sunday Schools is rapidly increasing.

A marriage license was issued in Washington on Saturday to Nathaniel Alexander and Lizzie Brown, both of Rosslyn.

It is stated that a transportation company proposes to lease the Chesapeake and Ohio canal and take charge of all its traffic.

The handsome new stone front of St. Mary's Church having been about completed, the old front will be torn out this week.

Two tons of oyster boats passed up the river yesterday. One of the twelve stopped here and the other eleven went on to Washington.

The weather this morning did fail to be fine, but the skies soon became overcast and later rain began falling and has continued throughout the day.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Christ Church held a contribution party at the lecture rooms of that church this evening and received many donations for the poor.

Although yesterday was an unpropitious day and many people were kept from the churches, the collections for the Alexandria Infirmary amounted to quite a handsome sum.

The residents of upper King street are complaining of the muddy condition in which that street has been left since the electric railway tracks were extended up that thoroughfare.

There is to be a general reassessment of the real estate of the Commonwealth in 1895, and the Corporation Court at that term will, it is understood, appoint Capt. R. F. Knox assessor for this city.

Engineer Hayden, of the Washington Southern railway, whose engine turned over near the Long bridge on Monday last and killed young W. T. Walker, has been discharged by the company.

A pyramid cake, composed of a large number of smaller ones, which was on exhibition in Mr. Bloch's confectionery, collapsed Saturday night. The cake was to have been given as a prize at a drawing after the holidays.

The enterprise of the Alexandria merchants who have laid in unusually large and well assorted stocks of goods

HOLIDAY GOODS.

HANDSOME JAPANESE VASE

To be given away by

Isaac Eichberg.

N. E. and S. E. Cors. King & Royal Sts.

This vase is a work of art;

stands 4 feet high; invoiced

and valued at fifty dollars.

Beginning Monday morn-

ing, December 10, and contin-

ing to December 31 inclusive,

every purchaser at either one

of our stores buying one dol-

lar's worth of goods will re-

ceive a coupon which will en-

title him or her to an equal

chance in the vase. Each cou-

pon is numbered and dupli-

cated. The duplicate we de-

posit in a sealed box prepared

for the purpose. On January

1, 1895, this box will be open-

ed by a disinterested person

from which a ticket will be

withdrawn. The person hold-

ing the coupon with the corre-

sponding number will receive

the vase. The lucky number

will be made known through

this column promptly after the

drawing. This is a legitimate

and bona fide scheme, purely

and simply an ATTRACTION.

The vase is now on exhibi-

tion in the window of our new

store, s. e. corner King and

Royal streets.

of all kinds for the Christmas holidays should be rewarded. Everything that one can think of can be purchased in Alexandria and at low figures.

A dispute occurred between two young men over a game of dominoes in a store on King street Saturday night which culminated in a fight. The parties were separated, but later they repaired to the yard where the conflict was renewed and where they were again parted. Neither was much hurt.

Yesterday while Mr. George Wilkins was washing out a boat at one of the city wharves he was struck on the head with a large stone thrown by a young man and knocked down. It seems, however, that the stone was thrown with no intention of striking Mr. Wilkins, and the Mayor this morning fined the accused \$2.50.

The late Margaret E. Mitchell's will, recorded in Washington on Saturday, bequeaths to the widower, R. Fairfax Mitchell, all the estate, which includes a house and lot at Round Hill, Loudoun county, and a house and lot at 1421 Eleventh street northwest. Mrs. Mitchell was formerly of Lancaster county. No executor is named.

The President on Saturday approved the bill granting the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway Company right of way through the lower and eastern portion of the Arlington reservation. The act also provides that the tracks of this company may be freely used for the passage of cars of the Falls Church and Potomac Railway Company.

With a clear sky Alexandrians will to-night have the opportunity of observing an astronomical phenomenon of more than ordinary interest in the occultation of the Pleiades. It will occur after midnight. Observers may see five of the six bright stars of the Pleiades group in turn disappear behind the advancing disc of the moon and reappear after occultations lasting from a few minutes to an hour.

Mr. Thomas, who had been an employee of the Midland railroad for a number of years, died at his home on Commerce street last night, aged 48 years. Mr. Thomas was a soldier in the late war, being a member of the 16th Regiment Georgia Infantry. Leaving school when but 16 years of age he served gallantly to the end. After the war he resided in this city and had been in the employ of the R. & D. R. R. for about 25 years.

Two men engaged in a rencontre at the foot of Prince street yesterday, during which one of them was struck in the face and considerably bruised. Justice Whiting, who was present, commanded the peace and parted the belligerents, but when they got out of the neighborhood the difficulty was renewed, and one of the parties drew a knife. They were finally arrested and this morning were fined \$5 each.

Much excitement was created about eight o'clock Saturday night in the market space by the cry, "My pocketbook is gone!" Policemen responded quickly when they were informed by Mrs. Frank Lucas that her pocketbook, containing about fifteen dollars, had been stolen from her coat pocket.

In a moment the suspected negro youths who gathered about the building had disappeared. As the lady started for home she raised an umbrella when the book with the money intact fell from its folds and with gratification was picked up by her.

DRY GOODS.

D. Bendheim & Sons

NO. 316 KING STREET.

GRAND OPENING MONDAY MORNING OF FOURTY DEPARTMENT, MYRIADS AND MYRIADS OF TOYS, DOLLS, JAPANESE WARES, SILVERWARE, BRIC-A-BRAC, CHINAWARE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ALEXANDRIA.

LET US TAKE YOU BY THE HAND? Let us take you by the hand? The Christmas season is now open for inspection, and it is generally commented on as being much better than that of any previous season. We give a few general suggestions as to its contents.

The Handkerchief Stock comprises all varieties from 5c to \$1.25. Some especially attractive embroideries in extraordinary values. A line of soft linen and sheer linen cambric. Our unexcelled values in Gents' Linen Cambric Hemstitched. Special numbers in Gents' Silk Initial Handkerchiefs.

Pocket Books, Card Cases, Purses, Shell Hairpins and Side Combs.

GRAND OPENING BARGAINS.

Good Size Upright Trains, 25c.

Large Square Pianos, 89c.

Solid Brass Bugles, 49c.

Large Footballs, 49c.

Japanese Tea Sets, 5c.

Decorated Tea Sets, 10 pieces, 10c.

Decorated Tea Sets, 20 pieces, 23c.

Large Size Furniture Suits, 49c.

Britannia Tea Sets, 17 pieces, 23c.

Decorated Tea Sets, 20 pieces, 29c.

Large Trampolines, 5c.

Hair Horses and Carts, 49c.

Large Hair Horses and Carts, 98c.

Large Woolly Dogs and Sheep, 25c.

Large Size Hair Horses, 98c.

Iron Passenger and Freight Trains, 23c.

Iron Chief Wagons, Drays, Carts, Chariots, Hook and Ladders, 49c.

Large Engines, Passenger Trains, Freight Trains, Express Wagons, Street Cars, Phaetons, 98c.

Tin Bats, Phaetons, Street Cars, Express Wagons, 19c.

Tin Kitchen Sets, Horses, &c., 5c.

Large Grocery Stores, Doll Houses, Stables, Warehouses, 49c.

Games of Jumping Frog, Snap, Cards of Fate, Peter Cody and his trip to New York, Checkers, &c., 10c.

Games of World's Revelator, Lotto, Fish Ponds, Bagatelle, Errand Boy, &c., 23c.

Thick Heavy Back Books, 10c.

All Linen Embroidered Books, 10c.

Large Variety of Books, 5c and 10c.

Large Size Sailing Vessels, 49c.

Metalphones and Violins, 25c.

Mechanical Steam Engines, 98c.

Large Size Kid Body Dolls with natural curly hair, bisque faces, shoes and stockings, 19c.

Large Kid Body and Jointed Dolls, bisque faces, natural curly hair, 49c.

Large Assortment of Dressed Dolls at 15c, 23c, 49c, 98c and \$1.

Tool Chests and Ten Pins, 23c.

Brass Drums, 21c.

Whistling Drums, 49c.

Christmas Tree Ornaments, 2c, 3c and 4c.

Celloid Frames, 10c, 15c, 29c, 39c and 49c.

Silver Jewel Cases, 50c, 79c, 98c and \$1.19.

Silver Pin Trays and Jewels, 33c and 39c.

Silver Toilet Cases, \$1.19.

Hard Wood and Silver Toilet Cases, \$3.29.

Silver and Gold Metal Picture Frames, 23c, 29c, 39c and 49c.

Silver Cigar and Match Stand combined, 69c.

Japanese Metal Pin Trays,